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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention and are listed on the attached 1449 form.

- DE 196 24 242 discloses a vehicle front wheel suspension with rigid axle. The reference is discussed in the introductory portion of the application. The reference has also been cited in the corresponding German Examination Proceeding as well as in the PCT Search Report. In the International Search Report the reference is cited under Category A.

- DE 100 58 628 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses an axle (1) with steered wheels (2, 3). A transmission element (14-20) is hinged directly or indirectly to the axle. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 197 56 059 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses a guiding device for rigid axle. At least three longitudinal struts are provided including two longitudinal wheel-guiding struts. These are coupled via a multi-axle joint. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 37 40 784 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses an axle linkage for a steerable rigid axle. Axle supporting elements are arranged in front of the rigid axle body pivotably mounted to this as well as to the vehicle frame. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

- DE 691 00 970 discloses an automotive vehicle rear-axle assembly. A Panhard rod 12 is mounted transversely and has one of its ends pivoted on a trailing arm located in the vicinity of the axis of the rear wheel. The other end is pivoted on the body located in the vicinity of the pivot axis of the other trailing arm. This reference has been cited in the corresponding German Examination Proceeding. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- DE 198 41 410 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses a ball-and-socket joint which is especially for a vehicle chassis. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- DE 44 40 029 has been cited in the corresponding German Examination Proceeding.

The reference discloses a vehicle axle with two wheels. Guide rods are connected via a coupling strut. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- U.S. 1,609,382 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding.

- DE 197 55 020 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. THE reference discloses an axle joint. Applicant also cites herewith U.S. 6,213,675 which is the corresponding U.S. document. Consideration of both references is requested.

- DE 199 49 451 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses a crank bend axle for a motor vehicle. A rod steering unit is fitted to one edge of the triangular steering unit. The rod steering unit and the triangular steering unit are coupled in an articulated manner by a connecting component 79. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- DE 690 01 700 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding. The reference discloses a motor vehicle rear wheel set. Ends of two trailing arms are connected to the body 2 of the vehicle by flexible joints. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- U.S. 2,087,271 has been cited in the German Examination Proceeding.

- FR 2.054.788 has been cited in the International Search Report with the entire document indicated to be relevant and cited under Category X as to International claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 and under Category Y as to International claims 5, 7 - 9. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

- U.S. 1,643,970 has been cited under Categories X and Y in the International Search Report.

- DE 40 11 179 has been cited in the International Search Report under Category Y as to International claims 5, and 7 - 9 and under Category A as to International claims 1 - 4. Column 2 lines 55 - 67 and claims 1 and 2 are indicated to be relevant. No translation is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- U.S. 2,607,617 has been cited under Category Y as to International claim 10 and under technological background as to International claims 2, 3 and 6.

- US 2002/0136596 has been cited under Category Y with the abstract and figures indicated to be relevant to International claims 11 and 12.

- EP 1 254 789 has been cited under Category A in the International Search Report as relevant to International claims 1 - 7 and 10 with Figs. 2 and 3 indicated to be relevant. The reference discloses a method of manufacturing an arm. The reference corresponds with U.S. 6,745,610 which is also cited herein.

- U.S. Patent 6,390,485 has been cited under Category A as to International claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10.

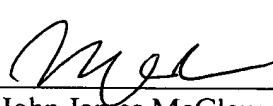
The Publication "One Piece Toe Link Assembly" has been cited under Category A in the International Search Report.

- FR 2 693 955 has been cited under Category A in the International Search Report with Fig. 2 indicated to be relevant to International claim 10. The reference discloses a suspension link for vehicle multi-link suspension with ball joint ends. A screwed rod is provided which is

adjustable for length between chassis and wheel hub carrier. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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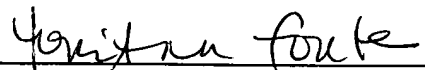
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